

The Fireman's Journal

AND MILITARY GAZETTE.
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Citizenship.
In the matter of contest between Mr. Nuttman and Mr. Whitney, the former intends to invalidate the election, if possible, on the ground that persons not citizens of the United States, voted for Mr. Whitney. In regard to this objection, we find by reference to the proceedings of the Board of Delegates, that the subject has been treated before.
At a special meeting of the Board of Delegates, held February 16, 1886, called to consider that portion of Mr. Hawes Consolidation Bill, referring to the Fire Department, and other matters, Section 3d, of the amended Law relative to the formation of Companies, was read. Mr. Hoff delegate from Pennsylvania Fire Co. No. 12, moved as an amendment, that after the words "twenty one years of age," and "Citizen of the United States," be inserted.

After considerable discussion, and motions and counter motions, the amendment of Mr. Hoff was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—McCarthy and Hunt, of 1; Babcock, of 2; Boruck, of 4; Moore, of 7; Blumrose, of 9; Herbert, of 10; Hoff, of 12; Whalen and Finnegan, of 13; Buckley and States, of H. & L., 12-13.
Nays—Wason, of 2; Rand and McCarthy, of 3; Hixon, of 4; Hoesofoss, of 6; Lane, of 7; Tucker and Buckley, of 11; Clapp and Reed, of 14; Hoffman, of H. & L. 8; and President Jones, 12.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Delegates held March 12, 1886, the minutes of the Secretary, of the meeting of February 16th were on motion of Mr. Moore amended to read, that the amendment of Mr. Hoff to Section 3, was adopted. Mr. Jones having insisted that he voted in the affirmative—the Secretary was then directed to notify the San Francisco delegation to the Legislature of the same.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Delegates held April 9th, 1886, Messrs. Boruck, Vreeland and Hoesofoss, the Committee appointed by the Board to secure the passage of the amendments to the Consolidation Bill, reported, that outside interference was being exerted to defeat the amendments asked for, which would succeed unless there was a majority vote of the Board taken upon the matter. Accordingly Mr. Moore presented the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Committee be instructed to urge the passage of the Fire Department Law, as reported from the Board.

Mr. Hoesofoss, stated that he could not under that resolution consistently remain upon the Committee, as he would not urge the passage of the amendment making all firemen citizens of the United States, he therefore asked to be excused from serving upon the Committee.

Mr. Hoesofoss was then excused.

On motion of Mr. Hoff, the resolutions of instructions to the Committee first passed, were reconsidered.

Mr. Heydenfeldt presented the following amendment.

Provided, this resolution do not apply to that action of the Board directed to exclude from membership any but American citizens, and they are instructed to oppose the same.

After considerable discussion the question was taken upon the amendment of Mr. Heydenfeldt, the ayes and nays being demanded.

Ayes—Wason, Rand, Heydenfeldt, Boruck, Hixon, Hoesofoss, Sinton, Thomas, Walsh, Simon, Buckley, Reed, Plum, States, Hanks, Cobb, Mallott, Mahony, 20.
Nays—Vreeland, Titcomb, Moore, McKendry, Blumrose, Fitzpatrick, Hoff, Whalen, Finnegan, Hoffman, President Jones, 11.

So the amendment was adopted.

The question was then taken on the resolution as amended, the ayes and nays being demanded.

Ayes—Wason, Rand, Heydenfeldt, Boruck, Hixon, Vreeland, Titcomb, Hoesofoss, Sinton, Thomas, Walsh, Simon, Buckley, Reed, Plum, States, Hanks, Cobb, Mallott, Mahony, 20.
Nays—Moore, McKendry, Blumrose, Fitzpatrick, Hoff, Whalen, Finnegan, Hoffman, President Jones, 9.

So the resolution as amended was adopted.

The following resolution was introduced by Mr. Mahony.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to obtain the written opinion of the Attorney General of the State, and other legal gentlemen of eminence in relation to the right of alien members of the Fire Department, to vote for Chief Engineer and other officers of the department, under the new State Law organizing the Fire Department, of this city, and also that if upon examination, they find that no one but citizens of the United States, can legally vote for said officers, the law cannot be so amended as to give the right of franchise to all certificate members of the department, whether foreign or native.

On motion of Mr. Moore the blank in the resolution was filled with "three."

Mr. Buckley made a motion that the resolution be indefinitely postponed. The motion was not seconded.

Mr. Moore, moved to strike out, and other legal gentlemen of eminence.

The motion was lost on a division vote. Ayes, 8—Nays, 18.

Mr. Hoff moved that after the words "Attorney General of the State," and the "District Attorney," be inserted. Adopted on a division vote. Ayes, 20—Nays, 7.

The resolution was then passed as amended.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Delegates held May 28th 1886, the Committee on the rights of aliens to vote for department officers, presented the annexed report:

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14, 1886.
To the Board of Delegates of S. F. Fire Dept.

The Committee to whom was referred the Resolution in relation to alien voting for officers of the Fire Department of this city, beg leave to report, that in accordance with said resolution they addressed a communication to the Attorney General of the State, and District Attorney of this county, which enclosed opinion in writing on the subject; to which the enclosed communications have been received in reply thereto.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
H. A. COBB, Committee.

ATTY GEN'S OFFICE, April 29, 1886.
GENTLEMEN:—I have received your letter requesting my opinion to the legality of Aliens attached to the Fire Department voting for Chief and Assistant Engineers at the annual election. I do not regard this question as one involving the capacity of an alien to exercise the political franchise.

I am of opinion that an Alien may become a member of the Fire Department, and as such member may vote at the election, and that the Department without regard to the fact of his alienage, is entitled to his membership, being conclusive in favor of his right.

Very Respectfully,
WILLIAM F. WALLACE
Attorney General of the State of California.

To Messrs. H. A. Cobb, and others, Comrs., etc.

DIST. ATT'Y'S OFFICE, May 3d, 1886.

GENTLEMEN:—Your communication of the 17th April, asking my opinion as to the legality of Aliens attached to the Fire Department voting for Chief and Assistant Engineers at the annual election for said officers has been received.

I have examined the several statutes relative to the Department, and in none of them have I been able to find any provision, either in express terms, or by legal implication, by which the members of the Department, whether Aliens or not, are prohibited from voting for the officers above referred to.

I remain, Sir,
Your ob't servant,
H. H. BYRNE.

To FLORENCE MAHONY, Committee.

JOHN J. HOFF, Esq., Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Sinton, the Committee was instructed to spread the report of the committee in full upon the minutes of the Board.

Considering that when Mr. Nuttman was elected by "twenty-two" majority, that no "contest" was made on such grounds, it is in very bad taste for him to advance that plea now.

TIGER'S HOUSE.—The completion of the house for Tiger Engine Co. No. 14, will be immediately commenced; the specifications have been all drawn and approved by the proper parties, and the contract will be closed with dispatch. The house is to be two stories in height, each 15 feet in the clear, the first story of iron, of a neat tasteful and beautiful style, and the second story of pressed brick. The roof is to be surmounted with a cupola, in which, if agreeable to the company, it is greatly to be desired that a District Bell should be placed. It is a matter of vital importance to the Co. No. 14, but to Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 11, all of which companies have a number of members residing in the Valley. By concerted action on the part of these companies, a sufficient amount could be easily secured to place in the bell of No. 14, a bell suitable for the purposes intended. It is a matter too, which the citizens of the locality where it is to be located are interested, and if the subject is properly represented to them, they too would gladly increase the amount necessary, considering it invested in an object, which in its effect would materially tend to their safety.

Fires and Alarms.

Jan'y 2d, 8 p. m.—Alarm from 9's bell; chimney in frame dwelling on West side of Kearny street near Broadway. No damage.

Jan'y 5th, 7 p. m.—Alarm from Howard 3; dry goods store in American Exchange Building, Sansome street near Sacramento. Cause, supposed indiar; fire set in a lot of counterpane; damage trifling; fire extinguished with great promptness, by Chief Engineer Whitney. Portion of the department out.

Jan'y 6th, 11 a. m.—Alarm from 6's bell; caused by crowd attempting to capture a runaway horse. Jan'y 8th, 4 a. m.—Still alarm; fire in Chinese house on Jackson near Montgomery street; set on fire; seen by the Hall bell ringer, (Jno. D. Swift), who very promptly did not strike the alarm, as the fire was extinguished by a few of the members of No. 2, without arousing the whole department uselessly. Damage trifling.

CISTERN REQUIRED.—A cistern capable of containing fifty thousand gallons of water, is required at the corner of Taylor and Clay streets. With the assistance of the chain gang to make the excavation, \$1,200 will be sufficient to construct a cistern of the style and capacity required. Some time since considerable interest was manifested in the matter, but for some reason or other it has been allowed to drop. There is an immense amount of valuable property in the neighborhood spoken of, in which case of fire, would be at the mercy of the flames, until lines could be formed from the lower cisterns. The property holders and residents in the city, should not fail to secure the amount required to build the cistern, and then allow the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, to have the superintendence of its construction.

DOWNFALL.—It is with extreme regret we chronicle the partial destruction of this flourishing city by fire. It occurred at 6 p. m., on New Year's day, and in one and a half hours, Main street as far up as the upper Plaza, together with Bridge street and Commercial street, as far as the Methodist church, was in ruins. The loss amounts to \$500,000, and the entire business portion of the town is destroyed. From a statement published in the Herald yesterday, we observe that many of the people of Downville, are by reason of their losses entirely destitute of every comfort. San Francisco should certainly do something for them, and in our opinion the initiative steps, should be taken by the Chamber of Commerce.

DELEGATE.—Charles S. Biden, was elected delegate on Wednesday evening, from Crescent Engine Co. No. 10, vice Wm. L. Elemen. The latter individual at the late meeting of the Board of Delegates, was proven to have received various sums of money for electioneering and other purposes, giving promises to vote for Mr. Whitney, but afterwards voting for Mr. Nuttman; at the same time thinking it unnecessary to give up the "change," with his "change" of opinion in regard to Chief.

AMERICAN THEATRE.—This theatre opened on Monday evening last, under the management of Mr. John M. Davis, with Senorita Soto, and Senor Gueppa Carrese. The style of dancing is somewhat novel, but appears to be rapidly gaining in favor, as the houses have shown a steady increase during the week. The fact that these artists came among us without the usual "blowing" announcement, should be sufficient to convince the public of their excellence as performers. To-night is the benefit and last appearance of Senorita Soto, when a splendid performance will be given.

KNICKERBOCKER 5.—At an election for officers of this company, held on Monday evening, the following were chosen:
Foreman.....Charles E. Buckingham
First Assistant.....William B. Fairman
Second Assistant.....Stephen T. King
Secretary.....Samuel C. Searing
Treasurer.....M. G. Goring

DIED.—E. B. Purdy, a member of Young America Engine Co. No. 13, died on Tuesday night of consumption. He was buried on the following day from the Pine Street Church. The flags of the different fire companies were at half mast during Wednesday, in token of respect to his memory.

MAQUIN'S OPERA HOUSE.—J. F. Addams, the celebrated Yankee comedian, supported by the talented actress Miss Chapman, and a full and efficient stock company, commenced an engagement at this place of amusement, last night.

The Lafayette's.

As the papers of the day, which have pretended to give fair and unbiased accounts of the proceedings of the Board of Delegates, have seen fit to suppress the action of Lafayette Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2, in regard to the order of the Board requiring them to produce their books and papers, and have published a letter from Young America Engine Co. No. 18, with a flourish of trumpets, we give both in our columns to-day, with the remark, that the preamble and resolutions of Lafayette Company, were adopted at a meeting where forty-two members were present, without a dissenting voice; while the letter from No. 18, is simply an emanation from the Foreman and Secretary of the Company, without company action.

Preamble and Resolutions from Lafayette Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26th, 1887.

At a called meeting of Lafayette Hook and Ladder Co. No. 2, held on Saturday evening, December 26th, 1887, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted without one dissenting voice:

WHEREAS, The Board of Delegates of the San Francisco Fire Department, have thought proper to make a demand upon our Foreman and Secretary for the books of the company, and;

WHEREAS, The company believe honestly and candidly, that they have nothing to fear from a question of investigation of said company's books or minutes, nevertheless considering said peremptory demand arbitrary, unjust, and an assumption of power not guaranteed by any existing law of the department, and;

WHEREAS, Had the Board of Delegates appointed a committee to privately examine our books, we should probably have acceded to such demand.—And

WHEREAS, Article No. 33, Section No. 7, of the By-laws of this company, which together with our constitution, was accepted by the Board of Delegates, declares that severe punishment shall be meted out to any member, who by direct or indirect means, attempts to influence the action of the Board of Delegates, in any manner whatsoever, and;

WHEREAS, In our opinion a compliance by this company with the demand of the Board of Delegates in this particular, would be a forfeiture of the most sacred rights of said company.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this company be enjoined from allowing his books or papers to leave his possession, or to be examined by any person or persons whosever, without a direct order to that effect from the company.

Resolved, That we instruct our Foreman and Secretary, to refuse the demand made of them by the Board of Delegates, and that in so doing, we are only actuated by a sense of justice to ourselves, in the preservation of our just and equitable rights.

Respectfully, yours, MICHAEL HAYES.
Foreman, Y. A. Engine Co. No. 18.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26th, 1887.

Communication from Young America Engine Co. No. 13.

To the President and Members of the Board of Delegates:

GENTLEMEN:—The Company of which I am Foreman, has been summoned to appear before you, to produce its books, constitution, by laws and roll before you honorable body. We do not know the object of this demand, or the motives of the gentleman who made the motion, and however much we may be surprised, there is an implication in the motion of Mr. Baldwin that an inspection of our records will show, on our part, some wrong doing. It is due to us, we think, and it can in no way detract from the reputation of Mr. Baldwin, that we state the reasons which prompted him to call for the books and papers of Young America Engine Company.

Respectfully, yours, MICHAEL HAYES.
Foreman, Y. A. Engine Co. No. 13.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26th, 1887.

From our Marysville Correspondent.

MARYSVILLE, Jan'y 7th, 1888.
Editor Fireman's Journal:—The following budget, contains the items of the past week:

New Year's day was a commencement. On that day and evening, we had no less than four alarms of fire. The first, about 12 o'clock, was caused by a defect in the flue, which filled the rooms with smoke. The second, about 3 o'clock, was caused by the burning of a frame building in Virginia Alley. Yuba Co. No. 2, first water. The third, about 5 o'clock, was caused by a chimney taking fire in Bell's block. Warren Co. 4, had water through their hose, but their services were not required.

At 11 o'clock, the fourth and last alarm occurred by the burning of tar barrels at the outskirts of the city.

In the evening, Warren Co. 4 gave a grand oyster supper at their house. A large number of invited guests were present; speeches were made, toasts drank, etc. Taking it all in all, it was a gala time for the Warren Company.

At a meeting of Mutual Engine Co. No. 3, held at their hall on Tuesday evening last, J. Williams was elected First Assistant Foreman, vice D. H. Harney, left the city.

At the regular monthly meeting of Warren Engine Co. No. 4, held at their hall on Tuesday evening, Jan'y 6th, the following officers were unanimously elected for the ensuing year: Foreman, H. W. Coudridge; First Assistant, John S. Osgood; Second Assistant, Ben Franklin Hollis; Secretary, Louis S. Bethancourt; Financial Secretary, C. M. Thompson; Treasurer, David Kertchum; Trustees, H. Leland, John L. Eaton, L. P. Bronk. After the meeting adjourned, the company partook of the good things of life by the invitation of the officers elected.

On New Year's morning about 3 o'clock, a most cowardly murder was perpetrated in Yuba City. A young man named Hiram Montgomery, was shot dead by a man named Thomas Crowe. The murderer fled, but was soon arrested and confined in the jail of this city. The funeral of the murdered man took place on Sunday morning, and his remains were followed to the grave by a large number of friends and acquaintances.

Yours, CITIZEN.

Letter from Placerville.

PLACERVILLE, Jan'y 6th, 1888.
Editor Fireman's Journal:—The fifth annual grand ball of Neptune Hook Co. No. 1, came off as per announcement, on New Year's Eve, and was largely attended by the beauty and fashion of our city. The supper was the most sumptuous I ever saw, and mine host C. W. Mourjoy, deserves much credit for it. The music was excellent, the floor sufficiently springy to make it inviting to all the lovers of the Terpsichorean art, the room very tastefully decorated with evergreens and appropriate emblems of the Fire Department, and every one seemed to enjoy themselves. The amount of tickets sold was about one hundred, and the company after having paid all expenses, cleared the handsome sum of four hundred dollars, which is to be appropriated toward the purchase of a "Hundred" engine, of which I presume you have been already informed by a former communication.

W. L. Marple has fitted up a magnificent gymnasium, and has in the neighborhood of seventy subscribers; and the majority of which are members of the Fire Department. There can be seen nightly, most all the who's developing their muscles, to be better fitted in case of being called to bear on the brakes. I regret that I have not the time to write you a more lengthy communication.

Yours, HUNTERMAN TUB.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

SACRAMENTO, Jan'y 7th, 1888.
Editor Fireman's Journal:—It seems as though my communications trouble some of the boys up here. There is Mr. Exempt, whose position in society, arguing from his own account of himself, few would covet, he imagines that he knows me, he is mistaken for there is but one in this city besides myself who knows me to be your correspondent. I do not know him, although it is highly probable that he belongs to a certain company in this city whose pipemen are afraid of getting damped. Mr. Hornblower, whose signature is very appropriate for the author of the communication, will please notice that the two mistakes he takes me to task for were corrected in my last, as to my letters being "mere lingo," I shall say that I shall at no time take notice of little curs who run barking at my heels.

The corner stone of 6's house was laid on Friday last, in presence of a large number of firemen and citizens. I noticed delegations from every company. No. 5 went up in a body, headed by their officers. The band played some excellent music, but the oration was not worthy of the author. For some unknown reason, the poem was not sung. I have heard it intimated, that the poet was admiring that new coat and forgot when his turn came.

The Board of Delegates held a meeting on Tuesday evening, and adopted the new exempt certificate by accepting the design of Nahl Bros. They also ordered the inserting of the portraits of first and present Chiefs in said design, well now they have gone and did it! I would like to know if some of the intermediate chiefs would not like a show. I look upon it as an invidious distinction, and the idea of sticking portraits upon an exempt certificate, to say the least is in very bad taste. I have been unable as yet to get a look at either the accepted or rejected designs, if I had, I would have sent you some idea of each one.

No. 1, 4, and 5 held their annual election last Monday evening, which resulted in the re-election of most of the old officers, although No. 4, dejected one who I had reference to in a former letter. Five's had a jolly time after their meeting, and remembered the printers by sending some Heidsieck to the poor devils, may their shadow never be less. (not the devils, but the fires)

I see that No. 3, owns property to the amount of \$3,200 and are out of debt. I wish I could say the same, according to the "Union" they have a dog valued at \$25 some of us outsiders would like to see him, as I have seen nothing but mongrel curs with the boys. I wonder what the Roosters value Brasher at, he is entitled to an exempt certificate certainly.

I hope Mr. Exempt will not in future indulge in any such ill-natured flings as that at the Chief, in his last letter, for every one in this department knows that the Chief spends more than half his time away from his other business, attending to the interests of the department. Mr. Exempt's remarks are as unjust as the article in the *Free Press* was. About that *charivari* I would like to hear, for I had the presumption to think myself well posted in fire matters, but must acknowledge my ignorance of the above.

The Board of Trustees of the department met yesterday afternoon, at the office of W. C. Felch, and granted relief to two members of the department. I strongly deprecate the admission of outsiders to be present at the deliberations of the Board, for these applications for relief should be judiciously kept from the public, and I should hope that in future the various reporters would avoid inserting in their papers even so much as the number of the company to which the recipients are attached. In my opinion such proceedings will deteriorate the benefit to be derived from the Charitable Fund, for no fireman wishes to be known as the recipient of charity although circumstance may render it necessary for him to seek it, and the name of the applicant might as well be published as the number of his company, for enquiry will be made immediately by meddlesome ones who are sure to learn his name.

We had an alarm from 3's bell on Tuesday morning last, which for some reason was not answered by No. 2. The person who rang the bell was told to leave 3's house by a policeman who gave chase to two of the darkness of the night he escaped. I believe 1 and 3's hose carts were all the apparatus that rolled. Last evening at 8 o'clock an alarm from 2's bell, caused, fire some hay in Central Hay Yard on J street near 10th. No. 6 in service. If the fire had spread, it would not have done much harm for I never saw companies make such time as was made last night, every company had a right smart chance of men on the rope. In connection with the above alarm, I must say that I was sorry to see so many machines, take the sidewalks, although it is hard pulling on the cobble stones, the streets are not impassable, as they were during the wet weather.

This morning at about 3 o'clock 3's bell gave an alarm which was caused by the partial burning of an out house on the alley between 2d and 3d and J and K streets, evidently the work of an incendiary. No. 1 first water, No. 8 next, nothing else in service. The 8th street bell again neglected to give the alarm, in consequence Nos. 6 and 2 did not roll.

I call the attention of our City Marshal to the ordinance requiring policemen to ring the alarm bells. Such negligence as has been evinced by the policeman on the beat in which the 8th street bell is, should not be passed over in silence; for last night made twice in as many nights and three times within three weeks that 2's bell has not rung at an alarm. Hoping that you are not suffering with such cold weather at the bay, as we are here.

I remain yours truly, J. LINGOLAY.

YOUNG AMERICA 8.—At a meeting of Young America 8, Sacramento, held on Monday evening, the following gentlemen were chosen officers for the ensuing year:
Foreman.....Sylvester Marshall
First Assistant.....Geo. Pfeiffer
Second Assistant.....Anson Perry
Secretary.....Robert M. Folger
Financial Secretary.....J. A. Griesel
Treasurer.....Edward Kimball

PENNSYLVANIA 12.—The annual election for officers of this company, took place on Wednesday, with the following result:
President.....Franklin L. Jones
Foreman.....Frank Edwards
First Assistant.....Geo. Overen
Second Assistant.....J. S. Thomson
Secretary.....Thomas Tennent
Directors—Charles Smiley, T. A. Douglas, J. Giffin, W. B. Gladwin, E. R. Hayes, Wm. Martin.

BUREKA 4.—The following gentlemen were elected officers of Bureka Engine Co. No. 4, of Sacramento, at their annual meeting held on Monday evening:
Foreman.....W. C. Felch
First Assistant.....M. Karcher
Second Assistant.....A. Koneman
Secretary.....J. Westy
Financial Secretary.....C. G. Clapp
Treasurer.....H. P. Osborn

SACRAMENTO.—Columbian Engine Co. No. 11, of this city, nominated Wm. S. O'Brien, Foreman of California Engine Co. No. 4, for Chief Engineer, at the late election.

Wm. Jeffers & Co.

We are enabled this week, to lay before our readers some information respecting the well known and celebrated fire apparatus manufactory of Messrs. William Jeffers & Co., of Pawtucket, Rhode Island. The business of this house is very extensive, equal to, if not greater than any of the other manufacturers. On the 1st December 1887, the firm had contracted to build and have finished by April 1st, 1888, sixteen engines. The manufactory of Jeffers & Co., employs about 40 men, and turn out two engines per month, besides building hose carriages.

At the present time, they have contracts for and are building engines for the following places:
For Detroit, Michigan, two engines: Troy, New York, one do.; Toledo, Ohio, two do.; Farris, Illinois, one do.; Nashville, Tennessee, one do.; Burlington, Vermont, one do.; Indianapolis, Indiana, one do.; Zenia, Ohio, one do.; Charleston, South Carolina, one do.; San Francisco, California, one do.; New Bedford, Massachusetts, one do.

The New Bedford engine is one that Jeffers & Co., are rebuilding for Company No. 6. This engine was built by Mr. Agnew, of Philadelphia, about three years since, at an expense of \$2500, and the above firm are taking out the works, putting in their own, and making the other necessary alterations, for which they are to receive \$1050.

The engines constructed by Messrs. Jeffers & Co., are being uniformly successful, and in regard to which some idea may be formed from the following, which we put down from memory, as among the many instances of the kind, which time and space will not allow us to enumerate. We will here say however, that Jeffers' first class engines turn generally from 500 feet and upwards. The annexed is the list referred to:

"Gaspco," Providence, R. I.; end stroke; a prize at New Haven, Ct., 1883; do.; at Hartford, Ct., 1887; do.; at Providence, 1887.

"Deluge," Brookfield, Mass.; side stroke; a prize at Springfield, Mass., 1884.

"Deluge," Northampton, Mass.; side stroke; a prize at Hartford, Ct., 1884; also one other prize at another time.

"Dewitt Clinton," side stroke; a medal in Crystal Palace in 1851.

"Niagara," Brooklyn, N. Y.; end stroke; a silver cup at Crystal Palace, 1854.

"Neptune," N. O.; a \$500 prize in 1855.

"Augusta," Augusta, Ga.; end stroke; a prize in 1856.

"Vigilant," Charleston, S. C.; end stroke; Mayors prize, 1866 and '67.

"Washington," Cleveland, O.; end stroke; medal, 1866.

"Trenton," Mobile, Ala.; side stroke; at two different times in 1856, a flag and a trumpet.

"Washington," Savannah, Ga.; side stroke; a prize in 1856.

"Tiger," Haverhill, Mass.; a prize in 1856.

The reputation achieved by these engines, has been of such a character, that orders have been transmitted to the builders so rapidly, that they have been compelled to enlarge their manufactory twice, to meet the demands for work made upon it, and even under those circumstances have not had sufficient room.

"Vigilant 9," of this city, was built at the manufactory of Messrs. Jeffers & Co., and was a perfect success, a superior machine in every way. On Thanksgiving Day, November 28th, the company out for drill, and although not fully manned, worked admirably, as the following will show: Through 100 feet of hose, 14 inch nozzle, they played 195 feet; but stream through 300 feet of hose, 28 feet; same stream through 500 feet of hose, 55 feet. This playing is the very best ever made in the State of California. The engine of No. 9 is a side stroke, of first class build.

Messrs. Jeffers & Co., are now constructing a side stroke engine for Pacific Engine Co. No. 8, of this city. The cylinders are to be 8 1/2 inch. She is to be shipped on the 1st of February, and upon her arrival here, will doubtless be found to be an elegant and useful piece of fire apparatus.

Masonic.

THE MASONIC PARTY.—On Monday evening, says the *Tribune* of Jan'y 2d, a large number of the brethren of the mystic tie, together with their female friends, assembled at the Masonic Hall to witness the interesting ceremony of the installation of the officers of Columbia Lodge, and the Royal Arch Chapter of this town. The officers of the former, the names of which we published last week, were first installed by James A. Jackson, Esq. The officers of Columbia R. A. Chapter, No. 8, were then installed by W. W. Taylor, Esq., of Sonoma, Grand High Priest of the Order in California. The names follow:

Robert Porterfield, M. E. H.; Geo. Peck, M. E. K.; C. H. Walcott, M. E. S.; James Miller, C. H. M.; S. M. Thomas, P. S.; F. Williams, R. A. C.; C. H. Wilson, M. E. H.; J. H. Smith, M. E. S.; M. E. S. M. 1st V.; J. A. Leary, Treasurer; C. R. Riley, Secretary; S. Isaac, Lev.

The installation ceremonies were beautiful and impressive, and the officers officiating filled their positions with much credit. The exercises commenced with prayer, and ended with a benediction, by Mr. Hamilton.

The vocal and instrumental music by the Columbia Chapter, and a portion of the Union Band added much to the pleasure of the evening.

The assembly then adjourned to Breeze's Hall, adjoining, where the party passed time until midnight in the pleasures of the merry dance. An excellent collation, prepared by Bro. M. Hildenbrand, was then served.

The remains of Hiram Montgomery, were interred on Sunday, Jan'y 3d, at Marysville, by Enterprise Lodge of F. and A. M., in the burying ground of the order.

INSTALLATION AT FIDELITY.—On the 28th of December, the following officers of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 115, of F. and A. M., were duly installed into office by Past Master, G. R. Walker: F. B. Sullivan, Wm. M.; S. M. Horrell, S. W.; J. L. Hill, J. W.; Lewis Zinker, Treasurer; F. G. Board, Secretary; Thomas Holt, S. D. W. Goldrick, J. D. D. M. Goff, Tyler; A. P. Wood and A. B. Horrell

